Active Reading Strategies

Find out which one works for you!

1. Outlines, not just random words!
   1. Pay particular attention to:
      1. Summaries before and after each chapter
      2. Boldfaced, underlines or italicized words
      3. Footnotes, picture footnotes, etc.
2. Answer Section Review Questions at the end of the section
   1. You must write down the questions!!!!
3. Answer the Find Out Questions at the beginning of the section
   1. Again you must write down the questions! As you read write down the information that pertains to each question.
4. Summarize the section in your own words
   1. Length will depend upon the length of the reading
5. Xerox text chapters and:
   1. Highlight important information
   2. Make annotations in the margins
6. Create your own high order thinking questions AND answer them
   1. Use Bloom’s Taxonomy
7. Sticky notes
8. Create your own graphic organizer of information
   1. Charts
   2. Concept maps
   3. Illustrations
   4. Mnemonic devices
   5. Tri/Bi-Fold